



TOWN OF FREETOWN

**WARRANT
FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 04, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

**FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
43 BULLOCK ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Freetown, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Freetown who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Freetown Elementary School, Auditorium, 43 Bullock Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts, the Fourth day of June, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 60, Section 77C of the General Laws to the parcel of land located on Beechwood Road in Assonet at the Lakeville Town Line, southeast of Horse Pound Swamp, and shown on Assessors' Map 201 as Lot 4, and subject to a tax taking held by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcel to be under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to record said deed, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Treasurer

Requires Majority Vote

Explanation: This article will allow the Town to accept a deed to the property in lieu of pursuing a foreclosure of Tax Title, saving considerable time and money.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of the parcel of land on Beechwood Road at the Lakeville Town Line, southeast of Horse Pound Swamp, and shown on Assessors' Map 201 as Lot 4, from the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes to the Conservation Commission under the provisions of Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and further to dedicate and designate the parcel for conservation purposes subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Requires 2/3 Vote

Explanation: This article will transfer the above parcel, which is either unbuildable or swampland or both, to the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$385.46 from the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund retained earnings for the purpose of paying a prior fiscal year bill to W.B. Mason for Supplies; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Water and Sewer Commissioners

Requires 9/10 Vote

Explanation: This request is to pay a prior fiscal year bill from W. B. Mason for which Freetown Water and Sewer Commission did not receive an invoice dated February 28, 2017.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to reaccept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 218, Section 15 of the Acts of 2016 (the “Act”), under which the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (the “OPEB Fund”), for which the Treasurer serves as Custodian (“Custodian”) and; designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the Trustee of the OPEB Fund, with all the powers and responsibilities identified under the Act and this vote; and authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to employ investment consultant(s), as well as outside custodial service(s) to hold the monies in the Fund, and to pay for those services from the OPEB Fund; and authorize the investment of the OPEB Fund under the prudent investor rule established under G.L. c.203C; and authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to execute any and all documents necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and/or investment consultant(s), including but not limited to trust agreements, participation agreements, investment agreements, and administrative services agreements; and designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the “Plan Administrator”, as may be necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and authorize the Treasurer/Custodian acting as Plan Administrator to take any other actions permitted or required by law; and to transfer the sum of \$569,539.87 or any other sum from the existing OPEB fund to the OPEB Fund authorized hereunder; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

Explanation: This article would re-accept the OPEB Fund provisions previously accepted on June 5, 2017 and comply with the new provisions of the Massachusetts Modernization Act.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) of unused funds appropriated at the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting under Article 6 for the South Main Street Water and Treatment and Filtration System to the Capital Stabilization Account; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen and Water and Sewer Commissioners

Requires Majority Vote

Explanation: These funds are no longer needed by the Freetown Water and Sewer Commission for this purpose, and the funds will be transferred to the Capital Stabilization Account for re-appropriation when needed.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the following places: Assonet Post Office, East Freetown Post Office, the stores of Quick Pic in East Freetown, Junior's Convenience Store and Freetown Town Hall, and the Freetown Communications Center.

Hereof, fail not and make return of the original Warrant with your doings thereon immediately after making service thereof to the Town Clerk of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Freetown, this 16th day of May, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Eighteen.



Robert P. Jose
Chairman



Charles B. Sullivan



Lisa A. Pacheco

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN